

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number ~~PG: 79-96~~ PG: 79 - 96

Address: 4510 Crain Highway, SE, Prince George's County - ~~in the vicinity of~~ in the vicinity of

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Marlboro

Tax Parcel Number: Sub. 6290 Tax Map Number: 93

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The one-and-a-half story house is a vernacular expression of the traditional hall-and-parlor plan. The house has a side-gabled roof that extends at the main elevation to create a screened-in porch. The porch roof has exposed rafter tails and the porch is sided with plywood. A large, front-gabled dormer dominates the roof line and appears to have been a later addition. The dormer is sided with clapboard and its roof has exposed rafter tails and wood shingles. The roof material of the main house is metal sheeting and the house has been abandoned.

The States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. With the introduction of a better road system, limited development was allowed to flourish along the corridors and within the rural areas of southern Maryland. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. The automobile allowed expansion beyond the traditional town design and as the post-World War II era progressed, new road construction resulted in the suburbanization of the previously sparsely-settled portions of

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

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northern Prince George's County. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic.

The c.1920 structure is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest residential development found along Crain Highway, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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View looking east

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